Big Profits in Army Clothing Deals Exposed

Answer of Quartermaster General

Name of Kaplan Often Crops Up "Dont Know" Is

Senators Hear How Members of Same Family **Handled Contracts**

By C. W. Gilbert

rom the cloth out of which uniforms ment. A company was organized to ort these clippings, known as the Both Avenues Base Sorting Plant, Inc., of 7 Mercer

Sorting Contract

Kaplan, not otherwise identified. Anzer, which may not be the way the name is spelled. These men got a contract with the government to sort the elippings, first at 6 12 cents a pound; ater the price was 6 cents.

The quartermaster general didn't investigate this contract. It was recommended by Mr. Eiseman, Mr. Rosenwald's right hand man in the work of supplies under the Council of National Defence. Quite recently, perhaps after other investigations began, the quartermaster general did cause an investigation by the depot quartermaster in New York, and it was reported that 2 cents instead of i cents a pound would be a fair price fo. sort and the price of the pric

hoddy. Now, a large element of shod by country received contracts. General Senators, who declared orders for I think these places give ample scope as spring. It was done in the belief, not have proper equipment, our army clothing were not followed up to into his abilities. In addition he is recommended in the prefer, and have proper equipment, our army clothing were not followed up to into his abilities. In addition he is recommended as the great dispenser of patents of the prefer to his abilities. The proper is a spring that the prefer to his abilities are considered orders.

"Don't Know" Is Frequent was available to clothe the army and

What became of the clippings after ne of the "Kaplans" had sorted them? he committee naturally wanted to now. General Sharpe said they went

Closed to Wool

clippings and supplying them to the contractors General Sharpe described as "closing both avenues to wool," frankly acknowledging that he was plagiarizing Mr. Eiseman. The avenues appeared to be closed by having a Mr.

Zalinsky, who represented the quarte sub-committee of the Council of National Defence. And also it is going to call some cloth and clothing manufacturers who couldn't get contracts from the government to supply the army. For there were many of both kinds of manufacturers who received no contracts even though the army went short while the successful contractors were unable to finish their work on time.

How far behindhand these manufacturers 48 per cent, cotton drawers man-ufacturers 19 per cent, woollen drawers manufacturers 20 per cent, leggings manufacturers 46 per cent and over-

sewing, while makers of civilian clothing use only the "single needlo" system.

The facts are that a cotton shirtwaist manufacturer of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Baker's home town, for twenty years retired from business, namely, Mr. Eiseman, was practically made quartermaster general of the army, so far as clothing, including woollen clothing, was concerned. A policy was adopted the which limited the supply of cloth available and also the number of mills that could make clothing. The result was that the army suffered and Pershing has had to buy in England.

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Also, it is a question whether the cloth adopted for the uniforms is heavy enough and warm enough. And right council had nothing to do with making the council had nothing to go with making on the "closed avenues to wool" you find the Kaplans, one of them with a highly profitable sorting contract, all inviting the servettiny of the committee. On the whole, string clothing to the troops, Senator

The facts are that a cotton shirt.

The facts are that a question of details.

"It isn't a question of details.

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"Patriotic Proposition," Says Ira I. Kaplan, of Wool Sorting Deal

Ira I. Kaplan, of 103 East Eighty.
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The directory lists Ira I. Kaplan as "phys."

Charles Eiseman, a member of the Council of National Defence, denied in Washington last night that Samuel M Kaplan had any connection with "the Base Aserting Company." Kaplan's brother, however, Mr. Eiseman declared, owned the Norwich Woollen Mills, in Conceticut, and another plant that had war orders. "He is a brother of the Kaplan on the Council." said Mr. Eiseman, of the Norwich will Kapan, "but there is no significance to hat."

A serap cloth sorting plant of its light on the causes of delay in buildown, General Sharpe said, At the six-cent rate the private contractors profits were estimated by General Sharpe at \$400,000 a year. If he had known all the facts at the time, General Sharpe said, he would not have signed the contract. General Sharpe said, At the six-dent rate the private contractors profits were estimated by General Sharpe at \$400,000 a year. If he had had have been attempted. The programme cannot be completed on time, he told the country cannot furnish enough the country cannot furn

The Base Assorting Company," con-The Base Assorting Company, con-tinued Mr. Eiseman, "is the outgrowth of the realization by the government that much money could be saved the government if clippings from the raw materials distributed could be gathered up and used in the manufacture of other goods necessary for our armies. The company is operated by men under government control, and not one cent of profit accrues to them for their ser-

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Bowie, respectively, regarding their recent inspection of General Pershing's expedition and their own camp expe-

Representative Regrets Se-

lection of Secretary as Director of the Railroads

[Staff Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Representative Frederick H. Gillett, acting minority leader of the House, criticised the appointment of Secretary McAdoo as railroad dictator most severely. Mr.

Gillett said:

"I deeply regret the appointment of Mr. McAdoo as controller of the railroads of the country. He is now Secretary of the Treasury, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank system, chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board and chairman of the United States section of the International High Commission. I think these places give ample scope.

ognized as the great dispenser of patronage and the political adviser of the President. He is already the Pooh-Bah of this Administration. If it was necessary that the appointment should be a political one, there are other members of the Cabinet who would have excited less distrust. But I think the appointment to this position of transcendant power should have been a busines one and not a political or personal one. "It should have reciprocated the general non-partisan support that has been extended to this Administration. Since the loss of the Lustiania I have carefully repressed all criticism of the Ad-

extended to this Administration. Since the loss of the Lusitania I have carefully repressed all criticism of the Administration. It has required at times much self-restraint. I have loyally supported the President in the House and at some critical times when many of his own party deserted him. I intend to continue that support, but I think it proper to express my regret that this great appointment has not been a less partisan one and has not been given to one whose experience and impartiality would inspire more confidence."

Senator Cummins, in a statement declaring his doubt that the President had authority to take over the railroads, thought it would have been wiser to wait for legislation by Congress. Senator Weeks, also a Republican, declared the President had ample author.

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Quake in Guatemala

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An earth-quake, general throughout Guatemala yesterday, caused a loss of from ten to forty lives and extensive property damage in Guatemala City.

The State Department was advised of the 'quake late to-day in a cable dispatch from the American Charge there, but no mention was made con-

there, but no mention was made con cerning damage in the interior.

PARIS, Dec. 27 .- In the week ended December 22 one French steamer of more than 1,500 tons and one of less than that tonnage were sunk by sub-

Fire Record

French Report Two Ships Lost as Week's U-Boat Toll

marines and mines.

No fishing vessels were lost.

Kills Many Persons

Calls McAdoo

"Yes," he said, "I saw the dispatches in the afternoon papers. I don't care what anybody says. It's a patriotic proposition. If you want any information you'll have to go to the Quartermaster's Department.
"Yes, I'm a brother of Samuel M.

master's Department.

"Yes, I'm a brother of Samuel M. Kaplan. What about it? If you want to know anything about this thing you'll have to see the Council of National Defence—seen Mr. Rosenwald-Julius Rosenwald. My brother is on the council; he's with Mr. Rosenwald. There's no profit in this thing, its' a patriotic proposition.

"II is a private corporation? Yes, it.
What about it? It is incorporated
r \$50,000, with a paid up capital of

General Sharpe Blames Delayed Deliveries for Shortage of Overcoats

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-The exam ination of Quartermaster General Sharpe was resumed to-day by the Senate Military Affairs Committee, in

vestigating war preparations. winter overcoats was made by the lan a Failure,

Says Bowles

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manufacturers.

Tracing the causes for delay in getting clothing to the troops. Senator Frelinghuysen declared it was due in part to changes in cloth specifications, resulting from a conflict of authority between the quartemaster general and the Council of National Defence.

Practically every contract for overconts was delayed, General Sharpe said, by trouble in getting cloth and Since Saturday

coats was delayed, General Sharpe said, by trouble in getting cloth and strikes in the clothing factories. The decision to send forces to France sooner than expected was another WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- The Ship-Rear Admiral F. A. Bowles, former naval constructor and now assistant to the general manager of the board's after the war the investment. mental reservations about it. If that he was the brother of Samuel at mental reservations about it. If Kaplan, the wool and shoddy man of the council of National Defence, and the council of National Defence, and planation would be adopted for his that he also was the president of the ping a man who knew so little at head of one of the most important. The with Samuel of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the was the brother of Samuel at that he was the brother of Samuel at that he was the brother of Samuel at the council of National Defence, and the Council of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence took up the mather than the discount of National Defence to the theology of National Defence to the property o ed before the Senate committee to shed

sented in the entire output of Southern pine producers for a year. Most of them were placed in the East and South and specify pine timbers.

war orders for the expanding army.
Orders to clothe more than 1,950,000
men have been given, General Sharpe The maximum number of wooden ships that possibly could be built, even if all available ship timber was delivered to the corporation, Admiral Bowles said, would total next year only 370, although the corporation has contracts outstanding for the construction of 450 stated, and early next year it is expected to have on hand enough for 1,300,000. Overcoat deliveries, he said, were 48 per cent behind contract on November 30 last.

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Mills Unequal to Demand

"The wooden programme," said Ad-

"In justice to myself," he added, "I want to say that I had nothing to do with letting the wooden ship con-

Three Steel Ships Launched Three steel ships of 28,000 tons' carrying capacity have been launched, Admiral Bowles told the committee, since

Members of the committee displayed keen interest in the terms of fabri-cated steel ship contracts, and indicated

cated steel ship contracts, and indicated that they thought too high a profit was allowed to the builders.

Questions brought from Admiral Bowles that the American International Corporation at Camden, N. J., will profit \$6,000,000 on the construction of 120 steel vessels. The government furnishes all the emitted and pays all the nishes all the capital and pays all the bills. Asked what the corporation fur-nished, Admiral Bowles replied:

one for the government.

Congress Is Urged to House Shipyard Workers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Resolutions adopted to-day by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States call upon every de-

officials that direct authorization is necessary before funds can be expended to build living quarters for workers or lent to private corporations for such

ditions is said to have occurred at an Atlantic Coast shipyard, where 8,000 workers dwindled to 1,500 in a week's time because the men refused to sleep on "pine boards" and there was no other accommodation for them.

Orders Coal Supply for Roads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, - Orders iral Bowles, "was launched on a scale were issued to-day by the fuel adminentirely beyond the country's productistration to insure a supply of coal for tion. Mills in the South have not deal the Pere Marquette, Searboard Air livered lumber one-half as fast as was Line, Atlantic Coast Line and the Nornecessary, and Western mills have been folk Southern railroads.

almost as slow. Even if the timber Heney Forestalls could not have been built as fast as **Immunity Baths** For Beef Barons

Counsel for U. S. Probers Not to Call Stock Yard Financiers

Federal Trade Commission investigat. enlisted personnel of the navy. Mr. here will continue through Saturday

could claim immunity under the law

Mr. Hency said that he and Hugh Mc- South American trades. Isaac, another special attorney for the commission, talked with Mr. Prince here several weeks ago and obtained the whole story of the Chicago Stock yards Company.

That the Boston inquiry will extend beyond the alleged financial connected tions of New England banking interests, the packers and the stockyards utilities was indicated by Mr. Heney will title was indicated by Mr. Heney will tilties was indicated by Mr. Heney will be are trying to follow the costs of production and distribution clear to the mouths of consumers," he said, we shall inquire into is why the production of cattle, sheep and hogs has fallen off, and to what extent." He declined to say what witnesses had been summoned.

"We expect to come here again soon."

Fashionable Malady for 1918

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The new 1918 style in maladies for women labelled whitting nerves," will not be accepted in Chicago, it was stated to-day by women in position to know.

The style originated in New York, where Dr. Louis R. Welzmiller, of the Y. M. C. A., was quoted as having discovered the disease, due to overwork on war knitting, and Dr. C. P. Christ-

"We expect to come here again soon,"
In Heney continued. "We also expect to hold a hearing in Philadelphia. This is because of peculiar conditions which have been uncovered by our investigators. It is impossible for me to say now what those conditions are to say now what those conditions are.

"We nign size to go to New York and Central Division. Red Cross."

Against Naval Crews

for New Vessels, They

[Staff Correspondence] WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-Andrew uruseth, president of the Seamen's Inion, at a conference with Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board to-day, pr of government merchant ships by the Furuseth pointed out that the proposal cepted by ship owners and approved by

ponaed and testified," he added, "it was stated. The Shipping would mean an immunity bath for therefore been compelled to utilize the them; that is, if they testified they selve them.

"Knitting Nerves" Barred

Chicago Refuses to Accept Fashionable Malady for 1918

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thence to Chicago. We shall undoubtedly visit Kansas City and St. Paul, and probably go as far as Denver. It will be a nation-wide inquiry."

Central Division, Req Cross, remarked:

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